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SUBJECT: GRUNK FONMIN SARIN CHAAK VISIT TO INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 3741

1. REFTTEL'S VERSION OF SARIN CHAAK'S PLANNED VISIT TO NEW DELHI WAS WRONG AND THE VISIT IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 29-31. THE CAMBODIAN CHARGE HERE IN DELHI, MECH SARY, IS UNDERSTANDABLY FRETFUL. HE TELLS US HE HAS SENT OFF A MESSAGE TO THE CAMBODIAN FONMIN TODAY ASKING WHETHER HE SHOULD TRY PERSONALLY TO SEE SARIN CHAAK, WHO HE CLAIMS TO KNOW FROM "THE OLD DAYS." HIS CONCEPT IS THAT HE MIGHT BE USED AS AN INTERMEDIARY FOR PEACE TERMS. IT IS ALSO CONCEIVABLE HE MAY WANT TO REESTABLISH SOME CREDENTIALS OF HIS OWN WITH SARIN CHAAK IN ANTICIPATION OF A FUTURE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT. HE ASKED OUR VIEW OF HIS PLANS AND WE TOTALLY DISASSOCIATED OURSELVES WITH THEM, TELLING HIM HE WAS ON HIS OWN AND SHOULD BE GUIDED BY HIS OWN GOVERNMENT'S ADVICE.

2. THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE GOI USED THE OCCASION OF SARIN CHAAK'S VISIT TO SHIFT ITS OWN POSITION ON CAMBODIA FORMALLY TO SIHANOUK. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC EVIDENCE FOR THIS OTHER THAN THE REPEATED COMMENTS OF INDIAN OFFICIALS OVER THE LAST YEAR THAT THEIR ATTITUDE WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY THE COURSE OF THE INTERNAL

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